Mr. M.D. Narayana Ayyar —The boat-owners represented to me when I was in camp that they will be paying the fees in the course of a week and I allowed the boats to ply.

Mr. K.M. Ibrahim.—Was the Chief Engineer confronted by inconvenienced and infuriated passengers on the road while he was passing in a ricksha ?

Mr. M.D. Narayana Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. K.M. Ibrahim.—Was the Diwan met by them in his place ?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—I do not know that.

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—One crowd came to me and I sent them to the Chief Engineer.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What instructions the Chief Engineer gave to the boat-owners ?

Mr. M.D. Narayana Ayyar.—I allowed the boat-owners time.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What was the complaint of the mob ?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar—That they will be put to much inconvenience if the boats are held up like that. So I allowed them time to pay the license fee.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Was not an adjournment motion regarding the order that caused the strike moved in this Council ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—No motion was moved.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim—Was leave asked for ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Yes, it was disallowed.

Schools not open to all castes and creeds in the State.

285. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform :—

(i) the number, and

(ii) names of schools which are run or aided by the Government without opening them to all castes and communities ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(i) 6.

(ii) 1. T. D. High School, Cochin.
2. Palian Girls' School, Chennamangalam.
3. Nambudiri Vidyalayam.
4. Vedasastra Patasala, Thekkegramam.
5. Pushpagiri Vedic School.
6. Nambudiri Balika Vidyalayam, Panja.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What steps has the Government taken to throw open these schools to all castes and communities?

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Mr. I. N. Menon.—Many of them have been thrown open to all. The authorities of the Paliam Girls' School, Chnnamangalam, have been given 2 years' time to shift the school buildings to a place where it will be accessible to the members of all communities. The T. D. High School also is going to be shifted to a place where it will be accessible to all communities. With regard to the Nambudiri Vidyalayam and the Nambudiri Balika Vidyalayam, these two were exempted by this Council itself from the operation of the general rule and with reference to the other two schools, the Pushpagiri Vedic School and the Veda-sastra Patasala, these two were allowed to stand as they are by Government for certain reasons.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What were those reasons?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—What are the amounts disbursed to these two schools?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—In the case of the Chittur Veda-sastra Patasala Rs. 15 and the Pushpagiri School Rs. 10 a month.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Is it the intention of the Government to continue giving aid to these schools even without their being thrown open to all?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The Government order simply stated that at present it does not wish to interfere with the practice But no final orders have been passed.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Have Non-Hindus expressed their desire to study Vedas to the Director?

Mr I. N. Menon.—No one has so far come to me and said that he wanted to get admission into the school to study Vedas, although many people asked me to throw open the school to all classes.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Does the Government realise the impropriety of throwing open this purely vedic school to all classes?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Under the present circumstances Government realise it may be awkward. At present it will not be thrown open.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Do the Government realise the impropriety of giving aid to the school without throwing it open to all classes?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—No final orders have been passed.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—May I know whether the latest editor of the Vedas, Professor Max Muller, is a Hindu or a Non-Hindu?

M. I. N. Menon.—I do not quite understand what the Hon'ble Member means. He was a believer in Hinduism. He does not believe in the traditional castes.

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Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Has he belief in Christianity?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—His books give one the impression that he was a believer in the tenets of the Hindu Religion.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Are all classes of caste-Hindus admitted in these schools?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—No.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Whether the Government is undertaking the teaching of religions?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—No.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Whether the Government intended to aid the school?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Government do not intend to aid any of these schools in future. But this is an accrued interest. Government should not interfere with it.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—What is the accrued interest?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—They have been enjoying this privilege under a Royal warrant. The question is whether the time has come to interfere with this privilege.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Is it supported by a Royal Charter?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—But one was aided by the Maharaja.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—We are transgressing our limits.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Am I to understand that these are aided as antiquaries?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The Government was aiding that school since that was serving as a type of culture. Whether it is antiquarianism or not is a matter of opinion.

Initiative for the Educational Survey of the State.

286. **Mr. Joseph Pettah.**—Adverting to the discussion referred to in paragraph 3 (3) of the Report on the Educational Survey, will the Government be pleased to state whether it was they or the Director of Public Instruction who first proposed the Educational Survey of the State?

Mr. I.N. Menon.—The Educational Survey of the State was first proposed by the Government.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—It is said that it was first proposed by the Government. Was it on the recommendation of the Director of Public Instruction?

Mr. I.N. Menon.—That question is superfluous when it is answered here that it was made on the suggestion of the Government.

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